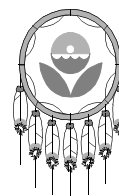


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Work Shops and Conferences

February 1-3, CAER 2002 Conference, University of Oregon. For information see below*

February 11-14, Affiliated Tribes Northwest Indians, 2002 Winter Conference, Portland, OR. For more information and to make reservations call ATNI 503/249-7638

May 15-17, Pesticide Conference, San Diego, CA. For information see below **

June 4-5-7, 2002, Water Quality Workshops for Tribal Environmental Managers, Worley, ID. For information contact Lillian Wilmore at 617/232-5742 or NAEcology@aol.com. **CORRECTION**

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Environmental Conference

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, near Reno, NV has been selected to co-sponsor the Sixth National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management (NTCEM). The EPA will co-sponsor this event in June 3-7, 2002. Primary EPA Workgroup contacts are: Felicia Wright, 202/260-4410 and Tonya Hawkins, 703/308-8278; Caren Rothsetin- Robinson, 202/260-0065; Claudia Walters, 202/546-6762; and Clara Mickles, 202/260-7519.

Audit Help FYI

The P.L. 106-107 Audit Workgroup has developed a

20-page pamphlet, Highlights of the Single Audit Process, and the single sheet tri-fold, Single Audit Basics and Where to Get Help. Both documents will be mailed to all recipients in the Single Audit Database. They are designed to provide recipients and Federal agency personnel with a basic understanding of the single audit process. The plan is to post the pamphlet on the Census Clearinghouse web site in the near future. Until then, DOL/OIG has posted it to their single audit page: http://www.oig.dol.gov/public/programs/oa/single_audit/main.htm

Terrorist Activities

An online fact sheet entitled "Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) and Deliberate Releases: Addressing Terrorist Activities in the Local Emergency Plan" is available from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The fact sheet discusses how LEPCs can include counter-terrorism issues when they review and update their local plans. For more information, click: <http://www.lgean.org/html/whatsnew.cfm?id=266>

Water Protection Resources

Preparedness is vital to combating terrorist threats to public infrastructure. The National Drinking Water Clearinghouse (NDWC) has assembled resources about protecting small water systems. This collection of articles, checklists, phone numbers and web sites can be accessed from the NDWC web site at: www.ndw.wvu.edu. Those without computer access can call 800/624-8301 to request information.

Free Source Water Kit

LGEAN is distributing a free kit of three reports, published by the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and the National Center for Small Communities (NCSC), to assist small towns and rural counties protect drinking water supplies. As communities nationwide struggle to protect their drinking water supplies, this kit can provide local officials with important tools and information to ensure high quality of life and continued economic growth. For more information: <http://www.lgean.org/html/whatsnew.cfm?id=238>.

Emission Trading

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced the latest innovation in air emissions trading, the Online Allowance Transfer System (OATS). This time-saving, online system will enable participants in the sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and nitrogen oxide (NO_x) markets to record trades directly on the Internet instead of submitting paper forms to EPA for processing. For information: <http://www.lgean.org/html/whatsnew.cfm?id=309>

Oracle Help

The Oracle Help Us Help Foundation is a nonprofit organization that assists K-12 public schools and youth organizations in economically challenged communities through grants of computer equipment and software.

Application deadlines: February 28 and May 21, 2002. For more information and applications, visit: http://www.helpushelp.org/pages/grant_index.html

TRIDS

The Toxic Release Inventory Display System (TRIDS) displays the TRI data in a user friendly way for the general public. TRIDS does not analyze the data. It simply displays annually reported legal releases of toxic chemicals to the air, land, water, sewers, and other off site transfers. It is free and available in Spanish. TRIDS can be downloaded from the internet (it is a big file 11.2 megabytes) at:

<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/epcra/trids/index.html>.

People without internet access can request a CD ROM from Idell Hansen at 360/407-6727 or Washington's Hazardous Substance Information Office at: 800/633-5785.

Compliance Assistance

For information on EPA's compliance assistance programs, call the Compliance Assistance and Sector Programs Division at: 202/564-2310 or access: <http://www.epa.gov/oeca/ccsmd>

Brownfields Legislation

On January 11, 2002, President Bush signed brownfields legislation into law that helps finance the cleanup of brownfields and provides liability relief for small business owners. The Brownfields Reform and Small Business Liability Relief Act (H.R. 2869), introduced by Rep. Paul Gillmor (R-OH), authorizes \$250 million a year to state and local governments and Indian tribes for cleaning up polluted industrial sites, including \$200 million a year for brownfields assessment and cleanup and \$50 million annually for administrative costs. The law also encourages developers to build on these sites by protecting them from lawsuits if additional toxic wastes are found.

Compliance Conference

National Tribal Environmental Enforcement & Compliance Conference, April 30, May 1-2, 2002. Part I of II, "The Status of Tribal Environmental Enforcement & Compliance in Indian Country".

The date and location for the "National Tribal Environmental

Enforcement & Compliance Conference" has been set! The Tribal Conference Part I will be held April 30, May 1-2, 2002 in Reno/Sparks Nevada, at the John Ascuaga's Nugget Resort Hotel-Casino. The Tribal Conference begins on Tuesday, April 30, and ends on Thursday, May 2, 2002. There will be two parts to the conference. Part I, the first 3-day session, will be held in Reno, Nevada in April-May 2002. Part I will address the full range of topics defining the status of environmental enforcement and compliance in Indian Country. Part II, the second 3-day session, will be held in Kansas City, Missouri in August-September 2002. Part II will provide the specific training sessions and workshops to achieve the objectives identified during the 'Roundtable Discussion' scheduled as the final session of Part I in Reno, Nevada.

The National Tribal Environmental & Compliance Conference is being presented in a Part I and Part II format to allow Tribal government and EPA representatives to attend the entire six day conference. There is a \$50 registration fee for Part I and Part II of the conference. Conference Web Site & On-Line Registration:

tribalconference.info. For more information please contact: ITCA at 602/258-4822.

Part I -Tentative Conference Agenda. "□The Basis of Tribal Sovereignty, □Environmental Regulatory Authority: Tribal and Federal Governments, □Tribal Government Regulatory and Enforcement Authority,

☐ Compliance Assistance Activities for Tribal and Federal Environmental Law, ☐ Federal/Indian Trust Relationship, ☐ EPA Program Approval Process: The basis for EPA decision making, ☐ Supreme Court Case Law: Tribal Government Environmental Law, ☐ Enforcement Actions for Tribal and Federal Environmental Law.” May 2nd Roundtable Discussion: Tribal Governments and EPA Officials A Partnership Conference: Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA) MNI SOSE Intertribal Water Rights Coalition (MNI SOSE) American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO) Don’t miss this historic conference!!

Conferences/Workshops

☞ September 22-24, 2002 “Annual Biosolids Management Conference” to be held at Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia. Details to follow later.
☞ February 5, WSU-Puyallup Coop. Extension Soil Biology Workshop *Lake Washington Technical College; Kirkland, WA.* Info: Andy Bary 253/445-4588.
☞ March 26, Clackamas County Wastewater Short School. *Clackamas County Community College; Oregon City, OR.* Info: John Lewis 503/657-6958.

Urban Park Grants

The National Park Service (NPS) has announced the availability of Urban Park and Recreation Recovery (UPARR) grants for the rehabilitation of existing neighborhood recreation areas and facilities. NPS will award \$28.9 million in UPARR grants in FY 2002, with grants ranging up to \$1

million. UPARR grants are awarded on a 70/30 federal-local matching basis, and may be used to remodel, rebuild, or develop existing existing outdoor or indoor recreation. For more information: <http://www.lgean.org/html/whatsnew.cfm?id=322>

Ecosystem Poster

EPA now has limited copies of a colorful poster available free. Called *A Healthy Ecosystem*, the large poster depicts a stream habitat with wildlife and water critters. For a copy, call EPA’s Public Environmental Resource Center at 800/424-4372.

Cryptosporidium

EPA has finalized the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule, which requires drinking water systems to meet strengthened filtration requirements to control microbial pathogens, specifically the protozoan *Cryptosporidium*. The rule further requires systems to ensure that microbial protection is not jeopardized if systems make changes to comply with disinfection requirements of the Stage 1 Disinfection and Disinfection Byproducts Rule. The LT1ESWTR applies to public water systems that use surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water and serve fewer than 10,000 persons.

Water Security

On December 18, 2001, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Water Infrastructure Security and Research Development Act (H.R. 3178). Introduced by Rep.

Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY), the bill would authorize the EPA to provide funding to support research, development, and demonstration projects for the security of water infrastructure. The legislation calls for a \$12 million disbursement to the EPA for each of the next five years, beginning in 2002. For more: <http://www.lgean.org/html/whatsnew.cfm?id=298>

Additional Water Security

AWWA has posted a listing of all available security materials on its website. Go to: www.awwa.org then select “Download Water Security Resources.” The types of resources range from news stories to AWWA materials and events to useful links.

Arsenic Rule Guidance

EPA has released draft guidance for the implementation of the new Arsenic Rule. Of the 74,000 community and non-transient, non-community water systems regulated by this Rule, approximately 4,000 systems will have to install treatment or take other steps to comply with the 10 ppb standard. This guidance summarizes the Arsenic Rule and presents a timeline of important dates; addresses violation determination; and contains a series of guidance materials that will help States and public water systems comply with the new requirements. For information: <http://www.lgean.org/html/whatsnew.cfm?id=308>.

Arsenic Web Sites

EPA arsenic rule making information: www.epa.gov/

OGWDW/arsenic.html

EPA draft state implementation guidance and appendixes for arsenic: www.epa.gov/safewater/ars/dimpguid.pdf

Education Conference

2002 National Lead Health Education Conference (Atlanta, GA), February 12-14, 2002. Stipends to offset the costs (airfare, lodging, per diem, and registration fees) are available for Tribal Participants thru the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) on a first-come, first-served basis. To apply, call the NIHB at 303.759.3075 or www.nihb.org

AISES Region 1 Conference: The Northwest Indian College will host the AISES Region 1 Conference on April 24-27, 2002. Billy Frank, Jr. and Vine Deloria are among the tentative keynote speakers. AISES Region 1 includes Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Wyoming, British Columbia and Alberta. For more information, contact Sandy Hensley at shensley@nwic.edu

AISES Internship

The AISES Internship Program is a 10 week summer program that provides qualified American Indian/Alaska Native college students with internship opportunities to explore potential federal service careers in various agencies. The internship is a student learning work experience to gain knowledge and understanding of federal agencies and their operations. An internship should not be viewed as summer employment with expectations of earnings. Deadline: February 8, 2002.

Eligibility: 1. GPA of 2.5 minimum (A=4.0) 2. enrolled and pursuing a degree in a college or university on a full-time basis 3. College sophomore, junior, senior or graduate student at the time the internship begins 4. member of AISES. 5. U.S. citizen Form available at: <http://www.aises.org/membership/index.htm>

Application Process: * 2002 Internship Application Form. Available at: <http://www.aises.org/internship/index.htm> Applicant essay. two letters of recommendation. Official college transcript/s and verification. Professional resume.

Interns should not undertake this commitment if their personal or financial obligations prevent them from being in another location other than their residence for ten consecutive weeks or creates an undue hardship.

Benefits: Weekly stipend of \$200.00 per week sufficient for meals, transportation, and incidentals; airfare to and from work site; dormitory lodging; MARTA cards for transportation to and from work. Please note that lodging is for the intern only. Family and friends cannot be accommodated, as each intern will be assigned another intern as a roommate.

Questions: contact: Jennifer Bitsie, AISES Higher Education Coordinator 505/765-1052 ext. 103, jennifer@aises.org

Dioxins in Disposed

EPA has determined that numeric standards or management practices are not warranted for dioxin and dioxin-like compounds in sewage sludge that is disposed

of at a surface disposal site or incinerated in a sewage sludge incinerator. Based on risk assessments, EPA has concluded that no further regulation of sewage sludge that is placed in a surface disposal unit or incinerated in a sewage sludge incinerator is needed to protect public health and the environment from any reasonably anticipated adverse effects of dioxins.

Watershed Training

The EPA Watershed Academy's distance learning program, Watershed Academy Web, is a set of self-paced training modules that provide a basic but broad introduction to the multi-disciplinary field of watershed management. The modules cover the most important watershed management topics - those subjects about which watershed managers, local officials, involved citizens, decision makers, and others should have at least an introductory level of knowledge. Watershed Academy participants can now receive a watershed training certificate for completing a series of 15 modules and passing their tests. For more information, click on: <http://www.lgean.org/html/whatsnew.cfm?id=318>

North American Heat

On May 1-4, 2002, the Toronto Atmospheric Fund and the Clean Air Partnership will host a North American Urban Heat Island Summit in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. This conference will bring together leading researchers and municipal practitioners from the United States and Canada

to discuss trends and challenges, best practices, and the latest science on heat island adaptation and mitigation measures. For more information, click on: http://www.lgean.org/html/newcalendar_detail.cfm?id=580

Tribal Utility

The Umpqua Indian Utility Cooperative, the first tribal utility in the northwest, has begun operating. The Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe has a contract with the Bonneville Power Administration to buy about 2.5 megawatts of electricity. The contract can be renegotiated after five to ten years.

The Oregon tribe first became interested in setting up its own utility three years ago when the BPA administrator defined tribes as public bodies eligible to buy electricity directly. The final hurdle, convincing Pacific Power to turn over its underground power lines, was met when the tribe used its powers of condemnation.

The tribe has contracted with Douglas Electric Cooperative to perform operations and maintenance work when needed.

The new utility is part of a tribal push to diversify business interests, tribal officials say. The tribe owns the Seven Feathers Hotel and Casino, two Canyonville motels, the K Bar Ranch near Round Prairie, Umpqua Indian Foods, and a majority interest in Rio Communications. (Indian Report Jan 02)

Local Land Use

A new report released by the National League of Cities, "Building Quality Communities: Making Local Land Use Decisions

by Choice and Not by Chance," identifies key issues for municipal officials to consider when making the land use and infrastructure investment decisions. The report outlines how municipal officials can help ensure that these decisions are guided by purposeful thinking about where the nation's cities, towns, and villages, have been and where they want to be.

Smart Growth Resources

EPA has unveiled a new online resource designed to facilitate and support smart growth. EPA's new Web site provides public resources to help create communities that promote the sustainability of America's environment, economy, and quality of life. For more: <http://www.lgean.org/html/whatsew.cfm?id=304>

ALASKA

ICC: Call for Nominations for President. On August 15, 2002 - the Inuit Circumpolar Conference (ICC) delegates from Alaska, Canada, Chukotka and Greenland will elect a new President. ICC-Alaska is now seeking nominations for Alaska Inuit (Inupiaq, Siberian Yupik, Yupik & Cu'pik) candidates for the position.

The primary responsibilities of the President are:

- ◆ To co-ordinate the implementation of ICC resolutions in the four member countries;
- ◆ To preside over meetings of the ICC Executive Council;
- ◆ To represent the interests of circumpolar Inuit at the international level; and
- ◆ To secure funds for the activities of the organization.

This is a full-time, salaried position for a term of four (4) years. Extensive international travel is required.

Nominations may be submitted in two ways: 1. An individual Alaskan Inuit (Inupiaq, Siberian Yupik, Yupik & Cu'pik) may submit his or her name in writing, along with the signatures of twenty (20) other Inuit who support his or her candidacy; or 2. An Inuit may, in writing, nominate any one (1) Inuit.

The deadline for nominations is February 17, 2002. The selection of a single Alaskan Inuit candidate will take place at the ICC-Alaska annual meeting in June 2002, and the international election will take place in Kuujuaq, Quebec on August 15, 2002.

All nominations must be submitted to the attention of the Vice-President, ICC-Alaska, 401 East Northern Lights Boulevard, Suite #203, Anchorage, Alaska 99503. Fax: 907/274-3861.

OREGON

The Oregon Native American Chamber of Commerce offers a \$1000 scholarship available to students enrolled and attending an Oregon University or college. Contact: Kelly Anne Millican Scholarship Board P.O. Box 502 Clackamas, OR 97015. Deadline: May 12, 2002.

WASHINGTON

■ Grantee Training February 21, 2002, 9:00 to 4:00 at the Washington Department of Ecology Headquarters Building in Lacey, Washington (no cost). The first session will cover a

recipient's responsibilities after an acceptance of an EPA grant. The second session will cover how to prepare an application to increase your chances of receiving financial assistance. The third session will give attendees an opportunity to discuss individual grant programs with EPA staff. If you are interested in registering for any or all of the training sessions, please contact Alison Clanton at 360/753-8185. Space in the class is limited so please register before February 15, 2002. You will be given directions to the facility and

parking instructions upon registration. Parking is very limited at the building so we encourage everyone to carpool. If you have any questions regarding the content of this training, please contact Armina Nolan, at 206/553-0530.

Jobs

Water Quality Specialist.
Department of Natural Resources/
Water Resource Program,
Umatilla Indian Reservation,
Pendleton, OR. Responsibilities:
Perform water quality assessment,

monitoring, data collection and management on Reservation waters; assist in water quality management planning; regulation and enforcement; watershed restoration projects.

For information 541/966-2425, or www.umatilla.nsn.us. Closing date February 25,2002.